

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR, 1940.

Public Health Officers  
of  
Hinckley Urban District Council.  
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Medical Officer of Health:

J. H. DONNELL, B.A., M.B., B.C. (Cantab.)

District Medical Officer under the Poor Law Acts and  
Public Vaccinator:

H. SHIRLAW, M.B., B.Ch.

Chief Sanitary Inspector :

E. MELSON.

Joint Board Certificate for Sanitary Inspector.

Royal Sanitary Institute Meat and Other Food Inspectors Certificate.

Royal Sanitary Institute Certificate for Sanitary Science in connection  
with Public Works and Buildings.

Deputy Chief Sanitary Inspector:

G. G. POPPLEWELL.

Joint Board Certificate for Sanitary Inspector.

Royal Sanitary Institute Meat and Other Foods Inspectors Certificate.

(With H. M. Forces 18-9-40)

Additional Sanitary Inspector:

R. W. BASHFORD.

Joint Board Certificate for Sanitary Inspector.  
(Commenced following service with H. M. Forces, 29-1-40.)

Assistant Sanitary Inspector :

L. F. WHITMORE.

Joint Board Certificate for Sanitary Inspector.

(With H. M. Forces, 29-6-40)

Temporary Assistant

B. A. FALLOWELL

Appointed 4-11-40

Clerk

R. C. LIGGINS

General Assistant

A. A. ENGLAND

Vaccination Officer

W. H. PENDLEBURY

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To the Chairman and Members  
of the Hinckley Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

Again in response to Circular 2314 of the Ministry of Health this report on the health and sanitary conditions for the year ending December, 1940 is brief.

From a health point of view it has been an uneventful year and except for the possibility of scabies there has been no serious epidemic of any of the infectious diseases which could be ascribed to the change in population due to evacuation.

We again received a large number of official and unofficial evacuees from Birmingham, Coventry and London during the Autumn.

Immunisation against Diphtheria has not been very active, but I am pleased to say there will be a different story on this subject for 1941.

Infantile deaths, 30 against 28, are a little higher but apart from the difference in the birth-rate there must be an increased number of children under one year in the area due to the above mentioned reception of evacuees.

## STATISTICS OF THE AREA.

|                                                                      |          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Area (Acres)                                                         | 11,771   |
| Registrar-General's estimate of                                      |          |
| (a) resident population mid-1940                                     |          |
| (b) average population appropriate to the calculation of death rates | 35,060   |
| Number of inhabited houses (end of 1940) according to the rate books | 10,986   |
| Rateable value                                                       | £182,398 |
| Sum represented by a penny rate                                      | £704     |

## VITAL STATISTICS.

|                         | Rate per 1,000 total population. |               | Death rate per 1,000 population | Total deaths under one year per 1,000 live births.                 |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                         | Live Births                      | Still Births. |                                 |                                                                    |
| England & Wales.        | 14.6                             | 0.55          | 14.3                            | 55.                                                                |
| Hinckley                | 17.1                             | 0.74          | 10.38                           | 47.                                                                |
| Total Male. Female.     |                                  |               |                                 |                                                                    |
| Live Births: Legitimate | 582                              | 298           | 284                             | Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population mid-1940 |
| Illegitimate            | 19                               | 10            | 9                               |                                                                    |
| Stillbirths Legitimate  | 26                               | 14            | 12                              | Rate per 1,000 total (Live & Still) births                         |
| Illegitimate            | 0                                | 0             | 0                               |                                                                    |
| Deaths                  | 364                              | 183           | 181                             | Death rate per 1,000 estimated average population                  |
|                         |                                  |               |                                 | 10.38                                                              |
|                         |                                  |               |                                 | 17.1                                                               |
|                         |                                  |               |                                 | 42.4                                                               |

Deaths from puerperal causes (Headings 29 and 30 of the Registrar-General's short list) :

|                                | Deaths. | Rate per 1,000 total<br>(live & still) births. |
|--------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------------------|
| No. 29. Puerperal Sepsis       | 0       | 0                                              |
| No. 30. Other puerperal causes | 0       | 0                                              |
| Total                          | 0       | 0                                              |

Death rate of infants under one year of age :

|                                                         |        |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------|
| All infants per 1,000 live births                       | ... .. | 47    |
| Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births     | ... .. | 45.9  |
| Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births | ... .. | 105.2 |
| Deaths from Cancer (All ages)                           | ... .. | 52    |
| " " Measles (All ages)                                  | ... .. | 0     |
| " " Whooping Cough (All ages)                           | ... .. | 1     |
| " " Diarrhoea (Under 2 years of age)                    | ... .. | 0     |

#### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

1 (i) Public Health Officers of the Authority.  
(See beginning of Report.)

(ii) Laboratory facilities.

The following examinations from your area were carried out at the laboratory run by the County Council :

|                                    |        |            |
|------------------------------------|--------|------------|
| Urine for T.B.                     | ... .. | 35         |
| Sputa for T.B.                     | ... .. | 237        |
| Milk examination Bacteriological   | ... .. | 163        |
| Swabs for Diphtheria               | ... .. | 91         |
| Urine, General and Bacteriological | ... .. | 41         |
| Sewage and water analyses          | ... .. | 9          |
| Faeces for B. Typhosus             | ... .. | 5          |
| Films for Gonococci                | ... .. | 4          |
| Blood for Wasserman Test           | ... .. | 4          |
| Milk for fat content               | ... .. | 2          |
| Hair for ringworm                  | ... .. | 1          |
| Differential blood counts          | ... .. | 1          |
| Miscellaneous...                   | ... .. | 2          |
| Total ..                           | ... .. | <u>595</u> |

# PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The incidence of both Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria is considerably less than in 1939, more cases of Pneumonia have been notified but the number of deaths due to this disease is only slightly higher. The four cases of Dysentery (Bacillary) occurred in one family.

Notifiable diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1940 :

| Disease.             | Total cases notified. | Cases admitted to hospital. | Total Deaths. |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Scarlet Fever.       | 45                    | 41                          | 1             |
| Diphtheria.          | 45                    | 51                          | 2             |
| Pneumonia.           | 53                    | 17                          | 15            |
| Erysipelas.          | 10                    | 5                           | 0             |
| Cerebrospinal Fever. | 5                     | 5                           | 2             |
| Puerperal Pyrexia.   | 2                     | 1                           | 0             |
| Typhoid Fever.       | 1                     | 0                           | 0             |
| Bacillary Dysentery. | 4                     | 0                           | 0             |
| Measles.             | 150                   | 1                           | 0             |
| Pertussis.           | 50                    | 0                           | 1             |

## Age Groups.

|                | Under 1 | 1-2 | 2-3 | 3-4 | 4-5 | 5-10 | 10-15 | 15-20 | 20-35 | 35-45 | 45-65 | 65 & over |
|----------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|
| Scarlet F.     | -       | 2   | 5   | 4   | 5   | 12   | 7     | 5     | 4     | -     | 1     | -         |
| Diphtheria     | -       | -   | 2   | 3   | 6   | 16   | 8     | 3     | 5     | 2     | -     | -         |
| Pneumonia      | 1       | 1   | 2   | 1   | 1   | 3    | 1     | 6     | 6     | 13    | 18    | 2         |
| Erysipelas     | 1       | -   | 1   | -   | -   | -    | -     | -     | -     | 2     | 5     | 2         |
| C. S. F.       | 1       | -   | 1   | -   | -   | 1    | 1     | -     | -     | -     | 1     | -         |
| Puerperal P.   | -       | -   | -   | -   | -   | -    | -     | -     | 2     | -     | -     | -         |
| Typhoid        | -       | -   | -   | -   | -   | -    | -     | -     | -     | 1     | -     | -         |
| Bac. Dysentery | -       | -   | 1   | 1   | -   | 2    | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -         |
| Measles        | 5       | 12  | 24  | 24  | 29  | 46   | 4     | 6     | -     | -     | -     | -         |
| Pertussis      | 4       | 6   | 7   | 7   | 6   | 19   | 1     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -         |

The distribution of these diseases in the area was as follows :-

|                | Hinckley. | Barwell. | Shilton. | Burbage. | Stoke Golding. |
|----------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------------|
| Scarlet F.     | 19        | 4        | 14       | 7        | 1              |
| Diphtheria.    | 9         | 10       | 19       | 7        | -              |
| Erysipelas.    | 4         | 1        | 3        | 3        | -              |
| Pneumonia.     | 27        | 3        | 16       | 10       | -              |
| C. S. M.       | 4         | -        | 1        | -        | -              |
| Puerperal P.   | 1         | -        | -        | -        | -              |
| Typhoid.       | 1         | -        | -        | -        | -              |
| Bacillary Dys. | 4         | -        | -        | -        | -              |
| Measles.       | 20        | 4        | 115      | 9        | 2              |
| Pertussis.     | 24        | -        | 2        | 24       | -              |

### TUBERCULOSIS.

No action has been taken under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925 or under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1925.

New cases and Mortality during 1940 :

| Age<br>Periods. | New Cases. |    |                |   | Deaths.   |   |                |   |
|-----------------|------------|----|----------------|---|-----------|---|----------------|---|
|                 | Pulmonary  |    | Non-Pulmonary. |   | Pulmonary |   | Non-Pulmonary. |   |
|                 | M          | F  | M              | F | M         | F | M              | F |
| 0               | -          | -  | -              | - | -         | - | 1              | - |
| 1               | -          | -  | -              | - | -         | - | 1              | 1 |
| 5               | 1          | 1  | 2              | 1 | 1         | - | -              | - |
| 15              | 2          | 4  | -              | 1 | 2         | 1 | 1              | - |
| 25              | 3          | 2  | 1              | 1 | 3         | 1 | -              | 1 |
| 35              | 3          | 2  | -              | - | 4         | 3 | -              | - |
| 45              | 5          | 2  | -              | - | 5         | 2 | -              | - |
| 55              | 3          | -  | -              | 1 | 4         | - | -              | - |
| 65 &<br>upwards | -          | -  | -              | - | -         | - | -              | - |
| Totals :-       | 17         | 11 | 3              | 4 | 19        | 7 | 3              | 2 |

As regards the 35 new cases, 22 occurred in Hinckley, 5 in Barwell, 3 in Earl Shilton and 5 in Burbage.

I remain your obedient servant,

*M. A. Donnell*

Medical Officer of Health.

28th, June, 1941.

To the Chairman and Members of  
the Hinckley Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

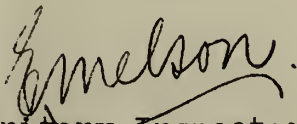
I have pleasure in presenting for your consideration my  
thirteenth Annual Report upon the administration of the Sanitary  
Inspector's section of the Health Department.

The year under review has been a difficult one, mainly  
owing to the shortage of Staff, the addition of numerous other  
duties and the shortage of building materials and labour. The easing  
off of the duties associated with Housing reconditioning and  
improving the structural standard of food premises have been offset  
by the additional duties associated with Evacuation, Civil Defence,  
Housing Licences and the additional time which has to be given to  
meat inspection.

After strong protests by the Council to the Ministry of  
Food, slaughtering was resumed in the district at the Central  
Slaughter-house, Barwell. This action resulted in a considerable  
improvement in the condition of the meat supplies. The disadvantages  
associated with the system of slaughtering at Leicester were very soon  
apparent and one cannot help thinking these disadvantages would not  
have occurred had the Ministry of Food contacted your own Officials  
before arriving at a decision.

I wish to again express my thanks to the Members and  
Officers of the Council for their assistance and co-operation  
throughout the year.

I beg to remain, Gentlemen,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'E. Melson', written in a cursive style.

Chief Sanitary Inspector.



## EXAMINATION OF WATER SUPPLIES.

### WELL SUPPLIES.

Five samples of drinking water were taken from five premises. In all cases the Analyst reported the water was unfit to be used for drinking. At three of the premises the wells were closed and a pressure supply of drinking water from the town main was provided. In the two other cases, where the premises were out of reach of the main, the wells were cleaned out and repaired.

### PIPE SUPPLIES.

Eight samples of Snarestone Water were submitted to both bacteriological and chemical analysis and in all cases the samples were reported upon as being safe for a public supply. One sample of Thornton water was submitted to bacteriological examination and reported as satisfactory.

### DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE.

Small drainage works were completed to prevent flooding at Barwell and on the Watling Street. The sewer in Ashby Road was extended to pick up the drainage from the houses at the corner of Ashby Road and Derby Road.

The number of cesspools in the District at the end of the year :- 144.  
(The figure given in last years report, i.e. 67, was found to be incorrect.)

### SANITARY ACCOMMODATION.

One privy-midden was converted to a pail-closet and one pail-closet was converted to a water-closet.

The position regarding sanitary accommodation on the 31st, December was :-

|               |   |      |
|---------------|---|------|
| Privies       | - | 12   |
| Pail-closets  | - | 243  |
| Water-closets | - | 8087 |

### PUBLIC CLEANSING.

The cleansing services were maintained throughout the year, almost as usual, despite the snowfalls and intensification of the salvaging of materials.

139 sanitary bins were provided following informal intimations.

### SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

|                                          |     |
|------------------------------------------|-----|
| Total number of complaints received :-   | 110 |
| " " " defects or nuisances discovered :- | 378 |

Nature of inspections :-

|                                             | Inspections. | Revisits.   |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Dwelling-houses (All purposes.)             | 381          | 1054        |
| Water supply                                | 21           | 29          |
| Drainage work                               | 19           | 22          |
| Sanitary accommodation                      | 32           | 5           |
| Tents, Vans, Sheds etc.                     | 7            | 14          |
| Factories Act.                              | 168          | 159         |
| Smoke abatement                             | 75           | 414         |
| Food premises                               | 161          | 162         |
| Slaughter-houses                            | 16           | 13          |
| Dairies and Cowsheds                        | 150          | 188         |
| Markets                                     | 28           | -           |
| Premises for meat & other foods inspections | 426          | -           |
| Shops                                       | 326          | 46          |
| Bakehouses                                  | 31           | 28          |
| Milk sampling                               | 106          | -           |
| Infectious diseases.                        | 158          | 4           |
| Nuisances                                   | 132          | 328         |
| Miscellaneous Inspections                   | 508          | 82          |
| Total :-                                    | <u>2745</u>  | <u>2548</u> |

Grand Total :- 5293.

NOTICES.

Preliminary.

|                              | <u>Housing.</u> | <u>Other.</u> |
|------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Outstanding on 1st. January. | 41              | 165           |
| Issued during year           | 22              | 348           |
| Complied with during year    | 59              | 448           |
| Statutory action necessary   | 14              | 20            |
| Outstanding 31st. December   | 4               | 65            |

Statutory.

|                               | <u>Housing.</u> | <u>Other.</u> |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Outstanding on 1st. January   | 2               | 1             |
| Issued during year            | 14              | 20            |
| Complied with during year     | 14              | 19            |
| Outstanding on 31st. December | 2               | 2             |

Summary Action.

Number of summonses issued during year :- 1  
 Number of convictions obtained during year:- 1

The summons issued related to a contravention of the Milk and Dairies Order and is referred to under the heading of Milk (Special Designations) Order.

## SHOPS.

### ACTION TAKEN.

|                           | Outstanding from<br>previous year. | Defects<br>found. | Defects<br>remedied. | Outstanding<br>31st. December. |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Sanitary<br>conveniences. | 1                                  | 1                 | 2                    | -                              |
| Temperature.              | 2                                  | 1                 | 3                    | -                              |
| Ventilation.              | 1                                  | -                 | 1                    | -                              |
| Washing<br>Facilities.    | -                                  | 2                 | 1                    | 1                              |

370 inspections of 197 premises were made relating to the various provisions of the Shops Acts.

One certificate of exemption from the provisions of Section 10 (2) was granted relating to sanitary accommodation and one certificate under Section 10 (4) relating to washing facilities was also granted.

15 notices were served during the year regarding 28 contraventions.

## TENTS, VANS & SHEDS.

Four colonies of vans and tents were moved on during the year. In all cases nuisances were being caused owing to the absence of essential facilities.

No applications were made for licences to use sites for this purpose.

## SMOKE ABATEMENT.

380 recorded observations and inspections were made on 29 premises. As a result of these observations 34 nuisances were discovered.

28 nuisances were abated by the following mentioned action :-

16 by greater care and attention in stoking.

3 by increasing the height of the chimney stack.

3 by the installation of a new plant.

3 by the overhauling of the boilers.

1 by the provision of an incinerator for the disposal of waste materials.

1 by ceasing to tip material.

1 by reverting to use of specially designed boiler plant for low grade fuel.

6 nuisances were unabated at the end of the year.

11 nuisances carried forward from 1939 were abated also.

Statutory notice was served regarding the abatement of a nuisance caused in the South-Western part of the district by the excessive emission of grit and coke dust. The nuisance was caused by the burning of low grade fuel on boilers not specifically designed for such fuel, while the regular boilers were undergoing overhaul.

This serious nuisance existed for a period of one month. I submitted to the Management that whilst the special boilers are being overhauled a better class of fuel be used to prevent the nuisance.

## SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

One sample of bath water was taken from the covered swimming bath owned by the Council, the only one in the district, and reported upon by the Analyst as :- "Bacteriologically an excellent swimming bath water."

## HOUSING.

### (1) INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.

- |                                                                                                                                                                   |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| (1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)                                                       | - 166 |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose                                                                                                                    | - 588 |
|                                                                                                                                                                   |       |
| (2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932 | - 46  |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose                                                                                                                    | - 108 |
|                                                                                                                                                                   |       |
| (3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation                                      | - 2   |
|                                                                                                                                                                   |       |
| (4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation   | - 44  |

### (2) REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES :-

|                                                                                                                             |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers | - 128 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|

### (3) ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR.

- |                                                                                                                                                         |        |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| (a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :                                                                                  |        |
| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs                                                                 | - Nil  |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :-                                                                |        |
| (a) By owners                                                                                                                                           | - Nil  |
| (b) By Local Authority in default of owners                                                                                                             | - Nil  |
|                                                                                                                                                         |        |
| (b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :                                                                                                              |        |
| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied                                                  | - 16   |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :-                                                         |        |
| (a) By owners                                                                                                                                           | - 16   |
| (b) By Local Authority in default of owners                                                                                                             | - Nil. |
|                                                                                                                                                         |        |
| (c) Proceedings under Sections 11 & 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :                                                                                       |        |
| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made                                                                           | - Nil  |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders                                                                              | - 2    |
|                                                                                                                                                         |        |
| (d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :                                                                                             |        |
| (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made                                                      | - Nil  |
| (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit | - Nil  |

(4) HOUSING ACT, 1936 - PART IV - OVERCROWDING.

- (a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year - 20  
(ii) Number of families dwelling therein - 20  
(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein. - 169
- (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year - 1
- (c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year - Nil.  
(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases - Nil.
- (d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding :- - 1  
Arrangements were made for two girls and one boy ~~to~~ to sleep away from their parents house, an owner-occupied one, in 1938 to abate the overcrowding. In view of the present conditions these children now stay at home to sleep.
- (e) In view of the present position and shortage of accommodation it has not been possible to adhere strictly to the provisions of Part IV of the Act

POSITION OF OVERCROWDING AT END OF 1940 TO BE READ AFTER  
HOUSING ACT, 1936 - PART IV - OVERCROWDING.

|                         | HINCKLEY. | BARWELL. | BURBAGE. | E.SHILTON. | S.GOLDING. | TOTAL. |
|-------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|------------|------------|--------|
| Council houses.         | 7         | -        | -        | 2          | 3          | 12     |
| Privately owned houses. | -         | 1        | -        | 2          | -          | 3      |
| Owner-occupied houses.  | 3         | -        | -        | -          | -          | 3      |
| Total -                 | 10        | 1        | -        | 4          | 3          | 18     |

Milk Supply.

Cowkeepers - No. on register - 75  
No. of inspections - 274

Dairymen or Purveyors of milk (Other than cowkeepers) :

No. on register - 126  
No. of inspections - 64

Contraventions.

|                         | Outstanding from previous year. | Found during year. | Remedied during year. | Outstanding on December 31st. |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Cleansing               | 18                              | 58                 | 41                    | 35                            |
| Structural alterations. | 15                              | 9                  | 18                    | 6                             |
| Utensils.               | 5                               | 21                 | 9                     | 17                            |
| Other.                  | 12                              | 6                  | 14                    | 4                             |
| Total :                 | 50                              | 94                 | 84                    | 60                            |

During the year the following improvements were made :-

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| New cowshed floors constructed  | - 2 |
| Drainage works reconstructed    | - 3 |
| New dairies constructed         | - 3 |
| Alterations to dairies          | - 4 |
| New cowsheds constructed        | - 1 |
| Alterations to cowsheds         | - 1 |
| Approaches to cowsheds improved | - 1 |

One notice under Section 22 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938 was served upon a producer-retailer of milk to appear before the Committee to show cause why his registration should not be cancelled. Before taking this action the Committee allowed the producer-retailer one month for the necessary works to be done. The works required were completed in this period.

#### Milk Samples.

108 samples of milk were taken, the analyst's report on the samples being as follows.

|                        | No. of Samples. | Satisfactory. |         | Unsatisfactory. |         |
|------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------|-----------------|---------|
|                        |                 | M.B.          | B.Coli. | M.B.            | B.Coli. |
| Tuberculin Tested milk | 6               | 6             | 6       | -               | -       |
| Pasteurised Milk       | 11              | 11            | 11      | -               | -       |
| Accredited Milk        | 6               | 6             | 6       | -               | -       |
| Ordinary Milk.         | 85              | 75            | 75      | 10              | 10      |
| Total :                | 108             | 98            | 98      | 10              | 10      |

Further samples were taken from the producers of the unsatisfactory samples. Five of the unsatisfactory samples were produced by farmers in our district and five by producers outside our district.

#### Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936 and 1938.

The following licences were granted :-

- One to Pasteurise Milk.
- Three to retail Tuberculin Tested milk (One supplementary)
- Three to retail Pasteurised milk (One supplementary)
- Five to retail accredited milk.

A summons was taken out against one dairy firm for a contravention of Article 21 of the Milk and Dairies Order, 1926 for bottling milk in dirty bottles. The firm was fined 10/-.

#### MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

The report upon meat inspection may well be divided into three sections as follows :-

- (a) from 1st. January to 15th. January until the pre-food control slaughtering terminated.
- (b) from 16th. January to 13th. May when all slaughtering for Hinckley took place at Leicester and
- (c) 14th. May to 31st. December when centralised slaughtering took place for the whole district at the Barwell Co-operative Society's slaughter-house, Barwell.

- (a) During this period 692 animals were inspected in the 17 private slaughter-houses.
- (b) Inspections were made at the Earwell Co-operative Society's slaughter-house of the meat which was delivered there from Leicester for allocation to the general butchers.
- (c) following strong representations to the Ministry of Food by the Urban Council and the Food Control Committee arrangements were made for slaughtering to be resumed in our own district. During this period 8, 681 animals were inspected at the Central Slaughter-house and 72 pigs under Food Control permits at various slaughter-houses.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

|                                                                                        | Cattle<br>excluding<br>cows. | Cows.  | Calves. | Sheep &<br>lambs | Pigs  | Total<br>weight in<br>lbs. |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------|---------|------------------|-------|----------------------------|
| Number killed.                                                                         | 893                          | 246    | 296     | 7066             | 941   |                            |
| Number inspected.                                                                      | 893                          | 246    | 296     | 7066             | 941   |                            |
| All diseases except<br><u>Tuberculosis.</u>                                            |                              |        |         |                  |       |                            |
| Whole carcasses condemned                                                              | 1                            | 3      | 1       | 5                | -     | 1923                       |
| Carcases of which some<br>part or organ was<br>condemned.                              | 148                          | 23     | 2       | 442              | 9     | 6439                       |
| Percentage of number<br>inspected affected with<br>disease other than<br>Tuberculosis. | 16.63%                       | 12.6%  | 1.01%   | 6.32%            | .96%  |                            |
| <u>Tuberculosis Only.</u>                                                              |                              |        |         |                  |       |                            |
| Whole carcasses condemned                                                              | 5                            | 9      | -       | -                | 3     | 9209                       |
| Carcases of which some<br>part or organ was<br>condemned.                              | 162                          | 121    | 1       | -                | 66    | 17416                      |
| Percentage of the number<br>inspected affected with<br>Tuberculosis.                   | 18.63%                       | 52.84% | 0.34%   | -                | 7.33% |                            |

The total weight of meat condemned, surrendered and disposed of for purposes other than human consumption was 15 tons, 11 cwts, 56 lbs compared with 4 tons, 18 cwts, 48 lbs in 1939.

In addition to this weight of meat 412 lbs of unsound and unwholesome meat was condemned which was slaughtered and distributed from Leicester between the period commencing 16th. January and ending 13th. May. The loss of meat from this cause, even in the first four months of the year was sufficiently serious to give some indication of the very serious losses which would have taken place had not the Ministry of Food allowed slaughtering to be re-commenced in our District. I submit any advantages which may be gained by centralised slaughtering, under present conditions, are more than offset by the disadvantages of distribution beyond a radius of eight or ten miles.

A quantity of other foods were surrendered and suitably disposed of owing to being unsound or unwholesome.

### Slaughter-houses.

Sixteen of the slaughter-houses were licensed for one year, subject to the same condition as specified last year under Section 57 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938. One butcher did not apply for renewal of his slaughter-house licence.

Extensive alterations have been completed at the Barwell Co-operative Society's slaughter-house which is being used as the Central Slaughter-house for the district.

Food and Drugs Act, 1938.  
Food Premises.  
Meat Shops, Meat Stores, etc.

42 premises were inspected, 139 inspections being made. The following contraventions or nuisances were found:-

- 22 relating to the absence of proper cleanliness.
- 7 Public Health Act nuisances.
- 20 relating to the need for limewashing.
- 10 structural deficiencies.

Of the 59 contraventions found 44 were abated in addition to three contraventions being abated from 1939.

### Fried Fish and Chipped Potato Premises.

83 inspections were made upon 30 premises.  
22 contraventions were found.  
5 relating to the absence of proper cleanliness.  
7 relating to the need for limewashing.  
10 structural deficiencies.  
17 contraventions were abated.

### Ice-Cream, Manufacturing, Sale or Storage premises.

65 inspections were made upon 54 premises.  
16 contraventions were found.  
7 relating to the absence of proper cleanliness.  
1 Public Health Act nuisance.  
6 relating to the need for limewashing.  
2 structural deficiencies.

The whole of the contraventions were abated during the year.

During the early part of the year schedules of work were served upon the owners and occupiers of food premises to make their premises comply with the provisions of the Food and Drugs Act. After several representations had been made regarding the difficulty of obtaining building materials and labour, the non-use of the rooms owing to the food rationing etc., the Council decided that the main structural alterations of food premises be left until after the war, providing an undertaking is given to carry out the work at the conclusion of the war and that the cleanliness provisions be rigidly adhered to.

### Factories Act, 1937.

#### Bakehouses.

59 inspections were made of the bakehouses during the year, 24 defects or contraventions were found. 20 of these were abated at the close of the year.

#### Factories.

327 inspections were paid during the year to 139 of the factories in the district. The following contraventions were found :-

- 22 relating to the lighting of the sanitary accommodation.
- 49 relating to insufficient or inadequate sanitary accommodation, &
- 2 relating to structural deficiencies.

42 of the nuisances or contraventions had been abated at the close of the year.